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SUBJECT: PRAVDA CRITICIZES GKR AND ITS PROPOSAL FOR NEGOTIATION

1. A PRAVDA COMMENTARY AUGUST 8 (BY ALEKSANDR FILIPPOV) CONTINUES MOSCOW'S DISPARAGING TONE ABOUT THE GKR. ENTITLED "REGIME IN THE THROES OF DEATH," THE COMMENTARY SAYS THAT THE "PHNOM PENH REGIME" IS UNABLE TO DEAL WITH THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS EVEN IN THE SMALL AREA WHICH IT CONTROLS. THUS IT SEEKS TO WEAKEN THE PATRIOTIC STRUGGLE BY PUTTING FORTH PROPOSALS LIKE "POLITICAL SETTLEMENT."

U.S. MILITARY CIRCLES ALLEGEDLY SUPPORT THE REGIME. HOWEVER,

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THE FUNK -- A WIDELY REPRESENTATIVE PATRIOTIC ORGANIZATION -- WITH

THE GRUNK HAS WIDENED ITS CONTROL TO INCLUDE 90 PERCENT OF THE TERRITORY AND 70 PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF CAMBODIA. THE COMMENTARY CONCLUDES THAT THE ONLY SOLUTION IS THE EARLY CESSATION OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE IN CAMBODIA, LEAVING THE PEOPLE TO DECIDE THEIR OWN FATE.

2. COMMENT. THE REFERENCE TO THE RECENT GKR PROPOSAL-- MISSTATED AS A PROPOSAL FOR A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT-- IS THE FIRST MEDIA REFERENCE WE HAVE NOTED. BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS JUST RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO MAKE DEMARCHE TO MFA SUPPORTING GKR PROPOSAL. GIVEN THE TONE EXEMPLIFIED BY PRAVDA PIECE, A CHILLY RECEPTION SEEMS ASSURED. STOESEL

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